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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: COMMENTS ON TOR FOR
TASK FORCE ON AIR DEFENSE.

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES OUR COMMENT ON AIR DEFENSE
TOR. SINCE THE EWG, AT ITS JULY 15 REINFORCED MEETING,
WILL ADDRESS TOR FOR NINE SEPARATE TASK FORCES, US
OBJECTIVES FOR THE (READINESS, AIR DEFENSE, C3, ETC.) TOR
MUST NOT BE FORMULATED IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHER EIGHT,
BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL
APPROACH THE US INTENDS TO ADOPT FOR THAT MEETING.
THUS, THIS TELEGRAM SIMPLY FORWARDS OUR COMMENT AND IS NOT
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A REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN OVERVIEW
MESSAGE THAT WILL SYNTHESIZE OUR COMMENT, FORWARD OUR
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE APPROACH THE US SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE
JULY 15 MEETING, AND CONTAIN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN OUR VIEW THE DRAFT AIR DEFENSE TOR (PROVIDED REFTTEL)

ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY GUIDE FOR THE TASK FORCE'S EFFORTS.

2. WE DRAW WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE TOR; HOWEVER, THE UTILITY OF RAISING THEM DURING THE EWG (UNLESS OTHER NATIONS COMMENT FIRST) WILL NEED TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING THE DOOR TO A NUMBER OF RELATIVELY INCONSEQUENTIAL COMMENTS WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OUTCOME.

. -COMMENT ONE. IN PARA A "AIM", THE PHRASE "TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE" SHOULD BE LIMITED. THIS COULD BE DONE BY CHANGING THE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "TASK FORCE 5 ON AIR DEFENCE IS TO PREPARE BY 1 MAR 1978 A PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENTS, CORRECT SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES AND, TO THE EXTENT WHICH REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS DATA PERMIT, DEVELOP TIME-PHASED COSTING AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES." THIS, OR SIMILAR WORDING, WOULD ELIMINATE THE LICENSE PRESENT WORDING GIVES FOR NOT UNDERTAKING THE EFFORT SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE TIME CONSTRAINT FACING THE TF.

. -COMMENT TWO. IN THE 3RD SENTENCE, PARA B "SCOPE", THE CAVEAT "AND NOT ORGANIC TO THE FIELD ARMY" COULD BE DELETED ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS OVERLY RESTRICTIVE AND MAY PROVE CONFUSING IN THAT IT CONFLICTS WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE TOR PARTICULARLY PARA B2 "OBJECTIVE". WE UNDERSTAND INFORMATIONAL

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MALLY FROM SHAPE THAT THE INTENT OF THIS CAVEAT WAS TO AVOID OPERATIONAL MATTERS, RELATED PRIMARILY TO COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND NOT TO RULE OUT CONSIDERATION OF THE FIELD ARMY FORCES. STREATOR

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